Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission

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CHAPTER 1.1.1.

DEFINITIONS

Article 1.1.1.1.

Aquatic animal health status

means the status of a country, zone or compartment with respect to an aquatic animal disease, according to the criteria listed in the relevant chapter of the Aquatic Code dealing with the disease.

Biosecurity plan

means a plan that identifies potential pathways for the introduction and spread of disease in a zone or compartment, and describe the measures which are being or will be applied to mitigate the disease risks, in accordance with the recommendations in the Aquatic Code. The plan also describes how these measures are audited to ensure that the risks are regularly re-assessed and the measures adjusted accordingly.

Compartmentalisation

means identifying compartments for disease control or international trade purposes.

Disease

means clinical or non clinical *infection* or *infestation* with one or more of the aetiological agents of the diseases referred to in the *Aquatic Code*.

Infection

means the presence of a multiplying or otherwise developing or latent disease agent in or, for ectoparasites, on a host.

Infestation

means the presence in large numbers of a multiplying parasitic, or commensal, agent on a host so as to cause damage or *disease*.

Subpopulation

means a distinct part of a *population* identifiable according to specific common *aquatic animal* health characteristics.

Veterinary para-professional

means a person who, for the purposes of the *Aquatic Code*, is authorised by the *veterinary statutory body* to carry out certain designated tasks (dependent upon the category of veterinary paraprofessional) in a country, and delegated to them under the responsibility and direction of a *veterinarian*. The tasks authorized for each category of *veterinary para-professional* should be defined by the *veterinary statutory body* depending on qualifications and training, and according to need.

Zoning

means identifying zones for disease control or international trade purposes.